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I believe that the proposed settlement is not in the best interest of the United States and represents a complete sellout of the American consumer by the Department of Justice. The settlement must be rejected.

The long, expensive trial proved beyond any doubt, as evidenced by the unanimous opinion of the District Appeals Court, that Microsoft is an abusive monopolist that doesn't hesitate to use any tactic, no matter how ethical or illegal, to crush any person or company in its way.

The settlement at issue does nothing, repeat nothing, to punish Microsoft for its prior and ongoing illegal activities and puts no, repeat no, real constraints on future illegal and/or abusive activities. The proposed settlement is so full of loopholes that it might as well not be in place.

In fact, the details of this proposed settlement are so completely skewed in Microsoft's favor as to allow them to do anything they so choose in the future and it will be allowed.

The proposed settlement stinks to high heaven and must be rejected as completely inadequate.

I'm ashamed that the so-called Department of Justice would even be associated with a settlement this biased against the citizens they're supposedly representing.

Sincerely,

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